

REMARKS

As required in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 11, 2006, Applicants have corrected the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims" by submitting herewith the claims with corrected status identifiers, which includes claims 52 and 58 being identified as canceled.

The Examiner has also indicated that the PTO file is missing the marked-up copy of the substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the substitute specification, as originally filed with the PTO on October 2, 2000, is enclosed herewith.

As also required, the first sentence of the application is herewith amended to correctly identify the application as a continuation of U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/052,591.


Applicants submit that no fees are required for entry of this Response to Non-Compliant Amendment. If it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 23, 2006

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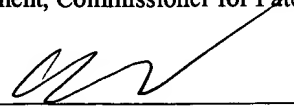


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